

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 9, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order at 9:00 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Daniel Wheelan

Mary Montminy-Danna

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas

Board members not in attendance:

Deborah Debare

Diane Giarrusso

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

Donna Dickerman

Gregory Madoian, Esq.

Elizabeth Shelov

Others in attendance:

Sheri Brown, CSW applicant

Steven Mankavech, LICSW applicant

Business

New members, Sandra Munroe Wunschel and Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas, were introduced to the Board.

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 22, 2005 were presented. On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Pursuant to Section 5.3.2 of the rules and regulations, license applicants Sheri Brown and Steven Mankavech met with the Board.

Sheri Brown informed the Board she suffers from a neurological condition. She plans to apply for special accommodations to retake the exam. Said accommodations are a later start time, separate room, frequent breaks and extra time, with which the Board agreed.

Steven Mankavech stated he has worked with his peers to study, but has used an older study guide and needs to devote more time to studying. The Board recommended Mr. Mankavech obtain the textbook, "Understanding Generalist Practice" and visit the ASWB website, which has a test exam on line.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:15 am.

On motion of Mr. Wheelan, seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for

licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

No final actions were taken in Executive Session.

Business

Elizabeth Shelov met with the Board to continue work on proposing revisions to the rules and regulations. Members will review revised draft for the March board meeting.

The Board reviewed and approved applications of the following individuals for licensure as independent clinical social workers pending successful completion of the clinical level examination:

- Christine Bandoni - Catherine Brown - Ann Bucelot -Amanda Claus**
- Frank Corrigan - Rochelle Fortin - Timothy Fornaro -Gwendolyn Garigilio**
- Elise Gonzalez - Patrick McCabe**

The Board reviewed and approved applications of the following individuals for licensure as independent clinical social workers by endorsement:

- Susan Barton - Kate Higginbotham - Mary Ridge**

Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Whelan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Acting Board Administrator

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